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The Honorable William H. Webster
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Judge Webster:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me this afternoon to discuss my concerns about the activities of John Hull and our investigation of the narcotics problem.

As I indicated in the meeting, over the last several weeks I have personally reviewed the Iran-Contra Report, many of the depositions taken by the Select Committee, depositions and testimony taken by the Foreign Relations Committee, and a variety of related materials.

This review led me to conclude that John Hull worked as an asset of the U.S. intelligence community for a long period of time. During that period, Hull did a variety of things inconsistent with his status. He lobbied Congress on a number of occasions, interfered with an ongoing Congressional investigation, delivered false affidavits to the U.S. Attorney in Miami and the Senate Ethics Committee, and engaged in a campaign of public defamation directed at me.

The materials further suggest that these actions were known to and coordinated by Mr. Hull's government handlers. Moreover, there is credible evidence that Mr. Hull continues to operate along the same lines under the protection of guards supplied indirectly by the United States Government.

You said that you would investigate the issues and report back to me, and further, that you would explore ways in which the public record on this issue could be clarified.

Your staff assistant said that from time to time, CIA agents and assets lobbied Congress, but that when that lobbying occurred it was at the request of a member and that the Intelligence Committee was informed.

Your willingness to investigate the situation and report back is greatly appreciated.

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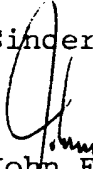
In my view, a complete report would tell me: whether Hull is currently under the protection of the United States Government, if so who is paying for it and why; when Hull lobbied the Congress, what the issues he lobbied for were and who was informed of his activities; whether the false affidavits he sent to the U.S. Attorney were with the knowledge or at the direction of any employee of the intelligence community; as well as any information you are aware of regarding John Hull's effort to discredit the Congressional investigation into the private aid network and narcotics trafficking.

As I discussed, it is my belief that the best way to clear the public record would be for you to issue a public statement acknowledging the impropriety of Hull's behavior while he was your asset and outlining the steps you have taken to correct the situation and insure that there will be no similar problems in the future.

Needless to say, the entire episode raises serious Constitutional questions. The legislative branch, or a member thereof, as a matter of law, should not be the target of intelligence activities. I know you are well aware of and committed to the need to keep the intelligence community from interfering with any investigation of its improprieties. As the facts have shown, my investigation in the Spring and Summer of 1986 was anything but frivolous and the interference with it which was manifest, raises as many questions as the underlying events.

Again, let me express my appreciation to you for meeting with me and my confidence that you will handle this problem appropriately and expeditiously.

Sincerely,



John F. Kerry
Chairman
Subcommittee on Terrorism,
Narcotics, and International
Operations